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The Woodall Cup, held Sunday in Edmonton, attracted more than 1,000 onlookers and raised more than \$15,000 for slain police officer Daniel Woodall's family. Story in [metroNEWS](#). KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

NDP office hiring under scrutiny

POLITICS

Search for assistants made partisan, claims Tory



Braeden Jones
Metro | Edmonton

Following the investigation of late-to-open NDP constituency offices, Metro has obtained documents that were tabled and prompted the Legislative Assembly Office (LAO) to examine the NDP's constituency assistant hiring process.

On June 25, Sandra Jansen, PC party MLA for Calgary-North West, made a statement in the legislature criticizing the government for bringing partisanship into the local offices.

Jansen tabled eight recruitment notices the NDP circulated — which Metro had obtained — that stated constituency assistant applications were being vetted through senior party official Brian Stokes, the NDP's longtime executive director.

Hiring for the constituency offices is meant to be processed through the legislative assembly, and final approval falls to

each individual MLA.

"I'm surprised to hear from some job seekers that they need to submit their resumé to an individual who is serving as the executive director to the Alberta New Democratic Party and they have to be NDP partisans," Jansen said during question period in June.

The premier rebutted, saying Stokes was on leave at the time.

According to his LinkedIn bio, Stokes has worked in a formal capacity for the NDP since 2008 and been principal secretary since 2010.

In a phone interview, Jansen said "if (Stokes) was being paid by the NDP while hiring for LAO offices, that's wrong."

The advertisements also described the employer — listed as "Alberta's NDP" — as an employment equity employer.

Jansen said it goes against policy that the NDP presented the job as though the party was doing the hiring.

"They aren't the employer; the employer is the LAO," she said.

Clerk of the Assembly David McNeil will conduct an informal review of the matter with the tabled information and likely prepare a report after session resumes in October.



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ECONOMY

Shared offices growing

Co-working, the practice of sharing office space with other independent creatives, is flourishing in Edmonton, with new shared workspaces open and existing spaces expanding to meet demand from small-scale entrepreneurs.

But it's not just Startup Edmonton: The co-working growth is private and organic.

Homestead, one of the city's newest private-sector co-working spaces, plans on adding two locations in central Edmonton this year. Meanwhile, Unit B, one of the founding private-sector co-working spaces in the city, founded in 2011, added nearly 5,000 more square feet and 15 tenants as of June.

"We're growing because Edmonton entrepreneurs are looking for a shared space that has support, community and potential for collaboration," said Lisa Hagen, a co-founder and manager at Unit B.

Non-profit technology group TRTech recently opened a new co-working space in Edmonton in May. Interchange opened in April and other groups are in various stages development.

Brandon Webber, who launched Homestead, also spearheaded coworkedmonton.com, which lists co-working spaces.

"I thought it would be helpful to band together," he said. "The goal is to expand ... so if there could be shared member benefits that's the kind of direction we would like to head in."

BRAEDEN JONES/METRO, WITH FILES FROM TIM QUERENGESSER

Price becomes an issue as Rogers Place shows seats

DEVELOPMENT

Some Oilers fans upset over hike in cost of season tickets



Braeden Jones
Metro | Edmonton

Like a luxury condo development, Edmonton's new arena now has demo suites to showcase box seating before the arena is even built.

On Saturday, the Rogers Place Presentation centre at 103 Avenue and 104 Street opened to exhibit future seats and suites to prospective season-ticket holders and corporate buyers.

If it seems excessive, consider that most condo projects have no more than half a dozen floor plans — Rogers Place will boast no fewer than 38 different seating options.

Several of those options have been reconstructed as true-to-life as possible in the presentation area, from the actual seats that will be in the rink to the huge virtual-reality screens that adapt to an input seating location so people can see the view from any part of the rink.

Ryan Batty has held season tickets in Rexall Place for nine years, and said he's never had a problem with a seat in that arena. But there's something



Stew MacDonald, chief commercial officer for the Oilers Entertainment Group, shows off the new Rogers Place Presentation centre at 103 Avenue and 104 Street. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

about every seat in Rogers Place that doesn't sit right with him:

The price.

"Looking at where my seats are, anything sort of comparable is a massive jump," Batty said, noting that prices are jumping about eight per cent,

give or take, from Rexall Place.

He's one of the unlucky faithful fans whose seats will be jumping up in price, and an example of that cadre taking umbrage with the rates released Friday on social media.

His seats are in the offensive

zone, at the end of an aisle, and near the goal line. Each quality makes the price jump.

"There is no real apples-to-apples comparison," he said. "But for me the price jump will be about 67 per cent."

Batty is unimpressed by the

lounges and hockey-viewing clubs with sports-bar like atmospheres in the arena.

"All of that doesn't appeal to season ticket holders," he said.

Stew MacDonald, chief commercial officer for Oilers Entertainment Group, said testing on pricing was exhaustive. Whereas Rexall place had eight price points, he thinks the 38 in the new building opens the experience up to "all investment levels."

Most seats see an average six to eight per cent increase.

"There are new amenities and with those come an investment from customers, but there are other areas (with) dramatically increased amenities and the price point is not far off," MacDonald said. "We've tried to broaden it to address all fans ... ultimately (they) will be the judge coming in."

+ PAYING MORE



Existing Oilers ticket-holders will be able to buy season tickets for Rogers Place in mid-August, but will be paying more than they used to for similar seats. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE



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RUTHERFORD HOUSE FAMILIES TAKE IN SUNDAY FAIR Children and adults enjoy the classic theme of the Sunday Summer Fair at the Rutherford House. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Police suspect alcohol a factor in road accident

A 39-year-old man is in critical condition after being struck by a vehicle early Saturday morning.

Edmonton police are investigating the incident, which took place at 97th Street and 135th Avenue.

According to a prepared statement, police investigators have determined the man was crossing the road against a red light when he was struck by a Toyota Camry just before 1 a.m.

Police say alcohol is suspected to have been a factor in the accident and no charges have been laid against the driver.

METRO

Summer patio series hailed as a success

WINSPEAR CENTRE

Free event exposes public to local artists



Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

A new free patio-performance series at the Winspear Centre means people in search of great tunes don't need concert tickets to enjoy performances at the Centre this summer.

The summer patio series runs Tuesday and Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m. every week, showcasing local musicians, dancers and artists on a tree-shaded patio in front of the music hall's main doors.

"It's a totally underutilized space that has a lot of potential," said Danielle Dolgoy, Winspear Centre community relations co-ordinator.

"We've been working with a number of community and arts groups to see what kind of artists would be interested in participating and we managed to put together a really awesome schedule of performers."

Free performances this summer have so far included a live wood-carving demonstration by Ryan Wispinski from The Works Festival, a live painting exhibition by artist Samantha Williams-Shapelsky and a public art display of mandalas by Stephanie Gruss and Heide Mueller-Haas.

Upcoming performances in-



The Winspear's new patio series has activated an "underutilized" space. ANDREA ROSS/METRO

clude a breakdance showdown by the iHuman Youth Society, a Métis soprano recital and a graffiti art showcase.

This is the first year the event has been scheduled, and it has been a tremendous success since it began in June, Dolgoy said.

"This is the first pilot launch into this, and we've had over 1,000 guests visiting the various events, which is pretty

big considering we're kind of hidden behind the food trucks and everything in Churchill Square," she said.

Dolgoy said the goal of the patio performance series is to connect city arts organizations with the public, support local artists and offer a bit of an "unexpected" immersion into the arts for those who might not normally attend Winspear events.

"We're a facility that really is for everybody to enjoy themselves and break down the barrier that having a paid ticket to a performance creates for people," Dolgoy said.

"In this way, everyone gets to experience music and everyone gets to check out the Winspear."

The Winspear Centre's summer patio series runs until Aug. 25.



Kasie Campbell with her sculpture, "Scopophilia," in Epur Tower. MICHELLE FALK/FOR METRO

U of A student claims art award

CULTURE

Kasie Campbell is making a big impression internationally

Michelle Falk

For Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's Kasie Campbell has won the outstanding student achievement in contemporary sculpture Award from the International Sculpture Centre.

Campbell is the second undergrad from the University of Alberta to win in the last two years. Tiffany Adair, also an undergraduate student, won in 2014.

Her winning sculpture, *Scopophilia*, was selected out of 428 graduate and undergraduate art students from 158 universities, colleges and art school programs worldwide.

"She won this international award as an undergraduate student over graduate students from Yale, and Australia and London," said Royden Mills, an award-winning U of A contract instructor who was both Campbell's and Adair's sculpture instructor.

These international wins mark a larger trend in work coming out of the U of A Art

and Design program, instructors in the university program said.

"We have a unique balance of a strong academic theoretical teaching, but at the same time great hands-on sort of practical studio teaching," said Sean Caulfield, a fine arts professor and Canada Research Chair.

Caulfield travels throughout North America, Europe and Japan as a visiting artist and guest lecturer. Many other institutions in North America have made the mistake of leaving the hands-on training behind — which is an area the U of A is strong in, he said.

Mills said the success also has to do with Edmonton. Emerging artists in Edmonton have space to breathe and do something inspirational, not just worry if their work will sell. Because the cost of living is lower in Edmonton than most major art centres, like New York, there's less pressure just to survive.

"I'm so happy for Kasie because it's just amazing work that she's done, but I'm also really proud of Edmonton — we've got a really good art scene here, it's really healthy," Mills said.

Mills pushes his students to challenge conventions and dig deep in their work.

Campbell says Mills challenged her to think deeper about her work and why it

+ ON EXHIBIT

See *Scopophilia* in person

Campbell's work is on exhibit at Epcor Tower until September. In conjunction with the award, *Scopophilia* will also be put on exhibit in New Jersey, New York from October 2015 to March 2016, and featured in *Sculpture Magazine*.

was important to share it.

Scopophilia means "To derive pleasure in looking," in Greek.

"The concept mainly is focused on the vulnerability and anxieties that we feel when we become the object of someone else's gaze," Campbell said.

She added that through her work she aims to magnify that psychological charge.

428

Kasie Campbell won the outstanding student achievement award in contemporary sculpture from the International Sculpture Centre ahead of 428 graduate and undergraduate students.

158

Sculptures were submitted from students attending 158 post-secondary institutions worldwide — including students from Yale, Australia and London.



She won this international award as an undergraduate student over graduate students from Yale, and Australia and London.

Royden Mills, contract sculpture instructor at the University of Alberta



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LEGO THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH THIS ONE... Above: Lego Master Builder Paul Chrzan puts the finishing touches on an eight-foot-tall Yoda at Polo Park Shopping Centre in Winnipeg Sunday afternoon while a smaller Yoda statue watches on. Hundreds of kids, big and small, constructed "bricks" of Lego for Chrzan to use to put together the statue of the Jedi Master. Below: Chrzan holds up the smaller Yoda. **ELISHA DACEY/METRO WINNIPEG**

'Uncertainty' upsets Fahmy

EGYPT

Canadian waits on Cairo court for its decision

Mohamed Fahmy's long-running legal battle is about to hit its climax. A Cairo court is expected to deliver a verdict Thursday for the Canadian journalist being tried on widely denounced terror charges and as the day approaches, Fahmy is hoping for the best but bracing for the worst.

"In order to survive I have to think positively," he told The Canadian Press. "But the uncertainty is just horrible."

Fahmy was the Cairo bureau chief for Qatar-based satellite news broadcaster Al Jazeera English when he and two colleagues were arrested in December 2013.

They were charged with a slew of offences, including supporting the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood, a banned organization affiliated with ousted Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi, and with fabricating footage to undermine the country's national security.

The trio maintained their innocence, saying they were just



Mohamed Fahmy.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

doing their jobs, but after a trial which was internationally decried as a sham, they were convicted and sentenced to prison terms. A successful appeal resulted in a retrial which is set to end this week.

Fahmy, granted bail in February after over a year in prison, is hoping for a verdict that won't send him back to prison, but notes his case is complicated.

"As much as we know we are completely innocent, we also know this trial is politicized and that factors other than evidence are going to be game changers," he said. "I am a pawn in Egypt and Qatar's rift."

Egypt and Qatar have had tense relations since 2013, when the Egyptian military

oust Morsi amid massive protests. Qatar is a strong backer of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood and Cairo accuses the state-owned Al Jazeera of being a mouthpiece for Morsi's supporters — charges denied by the broadcaster.

Fahmy said there are a number of possible outcomes for him on Thursday — incarceration, a suspended sentence, a sentence that credits him for time already spent in prison, or a not-guilty finding, though he said "it would be naive" to expect one.

In his favour is the fact that a technical committee tasked with examining work by him and his colleagues found there had been no fabrication in their reporting. Fahmy also hopes his legal team convinced the judge he and his colleagues had nothing to do with the Muslim Brotherhood.

But evidence that Al Jazeera didn't have the necessary licences for its journalists in Egypt — which led Fahmy to launch a lawsuit against the broadcaster — is extremely worrisome, he said.

"I explained to the judge that we had no clue," Fahmy said. "I told the judge he should separate between the responsibilities of the journalists and the responsibilities of the network."

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FLORA MACDONALD

Trailblazing cabinet minister dead at 89

Flora MacDonald, who served as a senior cabinet member in two Progressive Conservative federal governments and made a run for the party's leadership in 1976, has died. She was 89.

MacDonald's long-time executive assistant Margit Herrman says MacDonald died in Ottawa Sunday morning. Cause of death

was not immediately available.

MacDonald was the first woman to hold the foreign affairs portfolio, during Joe Clark's short-lived government in 1979 and early 1980. She was born in 1926 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

She was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972, after successfully running as the Pro-

gressive Conservative candidate in the Ontario riding of Kingston and the Islands. She held the riding until her defeat in 1988.

MacDonald also held the posts of Minister of Employment and Immigration and later Minister of Communications in the Mulroney government.

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Flora MacDonald. CP FILE PHOTO

IN BRIEF

Officials hopeful in search for lost pilot

Search and rescue officials are still hopeful a helicopter missing near Baffin Island may be found.

"There is a lot of ice pans up North, so he may have been able to land there but didn't have the

power to communicate back to us," said Derek Prescott, a search and rescue navigator. "So there is still a chance that we may find him."

The pilot of the missing helicopter, who Prescott said is a Russian citizen, was flying solo.

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Language Immersion Camp instructor Jason Parenteau helps out Holly Monkman, left, and Dawnis Kennedy as they learn the Ojibwe language. DAVE BAXTER/METRO WINNIPEG

Passing on a language

CULTURE

Trailblazing program offers new way to teach Ojibwe



Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

For Dawnis Kennedy, learning to speak Ojibwe is about much more than just learning a language.

"I want to be who I was born to be," said Kennedy, 38, of Ojibwe decent.

"And without the language how do I understand that and see that?"

Kennedy spent last week taking part in the Language Immersion Camp at the University of Winnipeg's Wii Chiwaakanak Learning Centre.

The week-long program taught Ojibwe language skills in a classroom, but also had participants go out and do activities while speaking the language.

Kennedy's grandparents spoke the language when she was a kid, but she didn't learn it well enough to speak it, which was difficult for her.

"I'd stay up at night and

listen to them speak the language, and I loved the sound of it, and dreamed of being able to speak it.

"This is a way to bring full meaning to my life, and bring me even closer to my culture."

Wii Chiwaakanak Learning Centre manager Jarita Greyeyes believes the program broke new ground.

"This is the first time we know of an adult Ojibwe immersion program offered in an urban setting," said Greyeyes, who said people came from all over Manitoba and even from the U.S. to take part.

The program saw participants do things such as jiu jitsu and yoga classes, and learn about plants and animals at Assiniboine Park, all while speaking the language.

"We learn the language, but then we go out and we use it," said Greyeyes.



This is a way to bring full meaning to my life, and bring me even closer to my culture.

Dawnis Kennedy

Greyeyes is also encouraged that young people participated, because she said it's important for youth to know the language as a way to keep it alive for future generations.

The program was offered for free, thanks to funding from the Dr. Tobiasnakwut Kinew Fund for the promotion of Indigenous Culture, History and Language, as well as the Department of Canadian Heritage.

NOVA SCOTIA

Weapon incidents up in group homes

Government records show weapons incidents ranging from possession of pellet guns to knife threats have been rising in Nova Scotia's youth group homes, prompting children's advocates to urge improved access to mental health care and increased staffing.

There were 34 incidents involving weapons in 2014, up from 25 in 2013 and 19 in 2012, according to serious occurrence reports obtained under Freedom

of Information legislation.

The records also say there were 24 cases of serious injuries of children in care — seven instances due to fights — since Jan. 1, 2012, though the province says none led to hospitalization.

Provincial officials say the figures include mostly minor incidents, and one private home operator says they shouldn't be taken as a reflection on the nature of kids in care.

"There is absolutely a cer-

tain percentage of children who have experienced a level of trauma, neglect and abuse within their family that has been unbelievable ... For them, to have a weapon is more for protection than an opportunity to harm somebody," said Ernie Hilton, director of the non-profit Homebridge

34

The number of incidents involving weapons in Nova Scotia youth group homes in 2014.

group.

Hilton said youth workers are constantly training to improve their care of the children and to de-escalate violence.

The 18 residential centres covered in the records care for about 150 of the province's children, from 10 years old to

older teens. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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IN BRIEF**Tour bus crashes in Peru**

Some East Texas college students are among at least 15 foreign tourists hurt after their bus crashed in Peru.

Peruvian police say the bus overturned Saturday on a highway near the Pisac archaeological site outside of Cusco. Police said Sunday the driver apparently lost control on a curve.

The tour bus carried 19 people, including the driver and a guide. Four people suffered serious injuries. Several others were treated for minor injuries and released. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain wildfire prompts hundreds of evacuations

A wildfire racing through forested hills in northeastern Spain has forced the evacuation of several hundred people.

The blaze broke out Sunday afternoon in dry woodland and was being fanned by steady winds. Within hours the fire had charred around 450 hectares (1,100 acres). Firefighters said some 400 people were evacuated.

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House of Lords member resigns over racy photos

The deputy speaker of the United Kingdom's House of Lords has resigned his position after publication of photos and a video allegedly showing him using cocaine with prostitutes.

Lords Speaker Baroness D'Souza Sunday called John Sewel's alleged behaviour "shocking and unacceptable" and said she is calling in police to investigate on an urgent basis.

She said Sewel has stepped down from his special position in Britain's upper house. He remains a member of the House of Lords. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



U.S. President Barack Obama delivers a speech — in front of American and Kenyan flags — at the Safaricom Indoor Arena in the Kasarani area of Nairobi, Kenya on Sunday. Obama is travelling on a two-nation African tour where he will become the first sitting U.S. president to visit Kenya and Ethiopia. BEN CURTIS/AP PHOTO

Obama gives hopeful message to Kenyans

HUMAN RIGHTS

President urges 'tough choices' to combat risk of corruption

Declaring Kenya at a "crossroads" between promise and peril, President Barack Obama on Sunday pressed the nation of his father's birth to root out corruption, treat women and minorities as equal citizens and take responsibility for its future.

Closing his historic visit with an address to the Ken-

yan people, Obama traced the arc of the country's evolution from colonialism to independence, as well as his own family's history there. Today, Obama said, young Kenyans are no longer constrained by the limited options of his grandfather, a cook for the country's former British rulers, or his father, who left to seek an education in America.

"Because of Kenya's progress — because of your potential — you can build your future right here, right now," Obama told the crowd of 4,500 packed into a sports arena in the capital of Nairobi. But he bluntly warned that Kenya must make



Here in Kenya, it's time to change habits.

President Barack Obama

"tough choices" to bolster its fragile democracy and fast-growing economy.

Obama spent considerable time warning about the risks of government corruption, calling it an "anchor" that could weigh down the country's promising future.

"Too often here in Kenya

corruption is tolerated because that's how it's always been done," he said. "Here in Kenya, it's time to change habits."

He urged an end to old tribal and ethnic divisions that are "doomed to tear our country apart" and spent significant time imploring Kenyans to respect the rights of women and girls, saying that marginalizing half of a country's population is "stupid." He also called for an end to forced marriages for girls who should otherwise be attending school.

"These traditions may date back centuries. They have no place in the 21st century," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CELEBRITY DAUGHTER

Bobbi Kristina Brown dead

A representative for the Houston family has said Bobbi Kristina Brown, daughter of the late entertainer Whitney Houston and R&B singer Bobby Brown, has died, about seven months after she was found face-down and unresponsive in a bathtub. She was 22 years old.

Kristen Foster said Sunday, "Bobbi Kristina Brown passed away July, 26, 2015, surrounded by her family. She is finally at peace in the arms of God."

"We want to again thank everyone for their tremendous amount of love and support during these last few months."

Police said she was found Jan. 31 in the suburban Atlanta town-home she shared with Nick Gordon, the man she called her husband. A police report described it as a "drowning."

Bobbi Kristina was the only child between Houston and Brown. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF**Tracking app puts security of royal at risk**

A British newspaper said it has uncovered a major royal security breach by using an inexpensive app to track Prince William's air rescue ambulance while it is in the air.

The Mail on Sunday said the 2.99-pound (\$4.65) app allowed it to keep close track of William as he flew in his capacity as a private pilot with East Anglian Air Ambulance in eastern England.

It said the app allowed its journalists to pinpoint where William was planning to land.

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Shiite rebels known as Houthis hold up their weapons as they chant slogans during a rally against recent Saudi-led airstrikes in Sanaa, Yemen. HANI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saudi-led airstrikes halt after ceasefire

YEMEN

Five-day humanitarian truce in effect to deliver aid

Saudi-led coalition airstrikes came to a halt in Yemen early Monday after a five-day humanitarian truce went into effect, witnesses and security officials said.

However, ground fighting broke out almost immediately in the restive city of Taiz following random shelling by Shiite Houthi rebels in three neighbourhoods, they said.

Security officials said ground fighting has also erupted in Marib province and in the area surrounding the strategic al-Anad military base in Lahj province.

Fighting in the southern port city of Aden has quieted, residents said, with an occasional volley of gunfire heard in the area immediately after the ceasefire took effect.

The Saudi-led and U.S.-backed coalition of mainly Gulf Arab countries has been waging an air campaign since March against the Iran-supported rebels, who control most of northern Yemen and the capital, Sanaa.

The pause declared by the Saudi-led coalition began at 11:59 p.m. Sunday. It is intended to help allow humanitarian aid in to ease the suffering of civilians in the Arab world's poorest country.

The coalition made the unexpected announcement about the humanitarian pause on Sat-

urday. The statement, carried on Saudi state media, said the coalition will cease military operations but that it will respond should Houthi rebels or their allies conduct any military actions or movements.

The rebels, known as Houthis, have expressed doubt over the truce. One Houthi official said it will likely mark "the beginning of a new war." Mohammed Ali Al-Houthi, the head of the Houthi's Revolutionary Council, said Sunday that the group had not received official notification of the truce from the United Nations.

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The death toll in Sabr on Sunday — five pro-government fighters and eight rebels, according to officials.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the coalition's announcement of the ceasefire and urged the Houthis and other parties to suspend military operations and "maintain the humanitarian pause for the sake of all the Yemeni people," Ban's spokesman said. Ban also urged all sides "to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance to all parts of Yemen."

Earlier on Sunday, Saudi-backed Yemeni troops and their allies clashed with Houthi rebels in a strategic town north of the port city of Aden, security and military officials from both sides of the conflict said.

The pro-government fighters had withdrawn from the town of Sabr earlier in the day after fierce battles with the Houthis. They returned hours later following the arrival of military reinforcements and wrested control of a large portion of the town, security officials said.

The officials said five pro-government fighters were killed and 15 wounded in the battle. Local medical officials said eight rebels were killed and 20 wounded.

The running battles in Sabr, which is on a key supply route, have lasted for more than a day after troops stormed it in their push north from Aden toward the strategic military base of Al-Anad, which is held by the rebels.

Security officials and residents of Sabr said the situation on the ground has quieted after the ceasefire took effect.

The Yemeni troops fighting in Sabr had been training since April in military camps in al-Buraieq, the port city west of Aden, military officials from the Saudi-led coalition said. Saudi, Emirati, Egyptian and Jordanian military advisers there have set up the camps and trained hundreds of fighters, they added.

The fighters also received over 300 armoured personnel carriers from the United Arab Emirates by sea. These sophisticated carriers are largely driven by non-Yemenis, the military officials said. Two Emirati officers have been killed in battle in Yemen since the Saudi-led coalition's latest offensive, known as the Golden Arrow, started on July 16. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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TOKYO

Plane crashes into houses

A small plane crashed into a quiet neighbourhood in Tokyo on Sunday, killing the pilot, a passenger and a woman on the ground, while three people were pulled alive from the wreckage, firefighters and TV reported.

The single-engine propeller plane plowed into and set ablaze a row of houses just minutes after takeoff from an airport used by small aircraft about 500 metres away in Tokyo's western suburb of Chofu.

Television footage showed a mangled plane, broken up with its tail upside down, resting on a crushed car on a residential lot as dozens of firefighters were battling the blaze and treating the casualties. The roofs of the two houses next to the site were also damaged.

Tokyo Fire Department spokesman Teruaki Seki said the dead included the pilot, one of the four passenger and a woman who was inside the house where the plane crashed into, setting it ablaze. Five others, including the three remaining passengers and two people on the ground, were taken to hospitals, but their conditions were not known.

Minako Akiyama, a resident in the neighbourhood, said she first heard enormous noise of something being torn.

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I saw the house ... on fire, with a tail of the plane sticking out of it.

Minako Akiyama, resident



Carton Thornhill and Stephanie Guidroz hang Stars of Hope on the Grand 16 theatre sign to honour the victims of a deadly shooting at the theatre.

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Theatre shooter Houser got weapon despite court order

LOUISIANA SHOOTING

Decades of mental illness but name was not in database

John Russell Houser was deeply troubled long before he shot 11 people in a movie theatre in Louisiana, but decades of mental problems didn't keep him from buying the handgun he used.

Despite public signs of mental illness — most importantly, a Georgia judge's order com-

mitting him to mental health treatment against his will as a danger to himself and others in 2008 — Houser was able to walk into an Alabama shop six years later and buy a .40-calibre handgun. It was the same weapon Houser used to kill two people and then himself at a Thursday showing of Trainwreck.

Court records strongly suggest Houser should have been reported to the state and federal databases used to keep people with serious mental illnesses from buying firearms, legal experts said.

"It sure does seem like something failed," said Judge Su-



It sure does seem like something failed. I have no idea how he was able to get a firearm.

Judge Susan Tate

san Tate, who presides over a probate court in Georgia and has studied issues relating to weapons and the mentally ill. "I have no idea how he was able to get a firearm."

In 2008 Houser's family accused him of threatening behaviour, warning authorities that he had a history of bipolar disorder and was making ominous statements. His wife removed his guns and the family

persuaded a judge to issue a protective order keeping him away once he left the hospital.

When Houser tried to buy his gun on Feb. 26, 2014, the system only briefly delayed his purchase, according to a federal official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation. The seller was advised the following day that the sale could proceed.

This March, Kellie Houser

filed for divorce, saying their relationship was irretrievably broken and John Russell Houser's whereabouts were unknown. He called her the next week, threatening her again, she wrote in a court document.

Then she got a call from Houser's mother, saying he had threatened to kill himself outside his mother's retirement community if she didn't give him money.

She wrote that she urged the mother to seek to have him hospitalized again. Instead, police said, the woman gave her son \$5,000 US.

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IN BRIEF**Minister confirms Greek bailout talks delayed**

Greece's labour minister Giorgos Katrougalos says the format of talks between the government and rescue lenders is still being worked out — confirming a delay in the negotiations for a third international bailout.

"The way the negotiations will take place is still being discussed within the government," he said.

Bailout negotiators from the European Commission, European Central Bank

and International Monetary Fund had been due to start arriving in Athens last Friday to start talks for the new rescue package worth an expected 85 billion euros (\$93 billion US). But late Saturday, a government official said talks at a "technical level" were now set to start next Tuesday.

The new agreement must be reached before Aug. 20 when Greece faces a debt repayment to the ECB worth more than 3 billion euros (\$3.3 billion US).

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Insurance for pot on horizon, experts say

HEALTH

Sale of medical cannabis in gel caps could get docs on board

Canadians who have been prescribed medical marijuana could one day see their insurance company footing the bill, experts predict, following the introduction of new Health Canada rules that allow for the sale of cannabis oils.

Health Canada announced revamped medical marijuana regulations earlier this month after the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that users of the drug should be permitted to consume it in other forms, such as oils and edibles, rather than having to smoke dried buds.

"You're going to see insurance companies slowly start to creep into the sector," says Khurram Malik, an analyst at Jacob Securities Inc., noting that the new regulations will allow medical marijuana producers to sell gel caps similar to those made from cod liver oil.

That will allow for more precise dosing, Malik says.

"When you're trying to smoke a plant, you have no idea how much you're consuming, so that makes doctors a little nervous," he said.

Experts say the changes are a major step towards legitimizing the drug in the eyes of



A variety of the cannabis oil available to customers is shown at the Cannabis Buyers Club, in Victoria, B.C. Canadians who have been prescribed medical marijuana could one day see their insurance company footing the bill, experts predict. CHAD HIPOLITO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

doctors and insurers.

"When something doesn't look different than other medicines, it becomes much easier for people to get comfortable with the idea that this is, in fact, a possible treatment option for patients," says Bruce Linton, the chief executive of Smiths Falls, Ont.-based Tweed Marijuana Inc.

However, medical marijuana producers still have one major hurdle to overcome before insurers begin routinely funding

the drug — cannabis currently doesn't have a drug identification number, known as a DIN.

"If it was issued a DIN by Health Canada, it's quite likely that the insurance companies would cover it," says Wendy Hope, a spokeswoman for the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.

As it stands, most insurance companies don't routinely cover medical marijuana. But some insurers, including Manulife, say they will consider making

an exception if the employer has specifically requested it for one of its employees.

Malik says the primary reason why medical marijuana doesn't have a DIN is a lack of rigorous, clinical research on its efficacy.

"The evidence is very circumstantial — not your typical 10-year, double-blind study that doctors and big pharmaceutical companies like to see," Malik said.

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U.S. set to fine Fiat Chrysler \$105 million

The U.S. government will hit Fiat Chrysler with a record \$105 million US fine next week for violating laws in a series of vehicle safety recalls, a person briefed on the matter said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will reveal the fine on Monday. In addition, Fiat Chrysler will be required to buy back a group

of recalled vehicles to get them off the roads, said the person, who didn't want to be identified because no official announcement has been made.

The company will make payments to owners of 1.56 million recalled older-model Jeeps with gas tanks behind the rear axle to bring them to dealers to install trailer hitches to help

protect the tanks. The tanks are vulnerable and can leak gasoline if damaged in rear collisions. The company maintains the Jeeps are as safe as comparable vehicles built at the time, and it will not buy them back.

The fine beats the old record of \$70 million US assessed against Honda Motor Co. for lapses in recalls of airbags made

by Takata Corp.

At the July 2 hearing, NHTSA detailed an alarming litany of shortfalls: failure to notify customers of recalls, delays in making and distributing repair parts, and in some cases failing to come up with repairs that fix the problems. Some of the recalls date to 2013.

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POLL: THE PRICE OF PAN AM

Canadians broke records at the Pan Am games, and Toronto got new facilities and a head start on a potential future Olympics. But the cost — \$2.4 billion, shared among the federal, provincial and municipal governments and host universities — has some people seething. We asked our readers if the investment, which works out to \$68 per Canadian, was worth its weight in gold (medals).

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I would gladly pay more for a strong national broadcaster

The Pan Am Games weren't the popularity flop they once threatened to be.

But as a litmus test for the state of the CBC, they're troubling.

Ticket sales, once lagging, hit the one-million mark last week. About 46 per cent of Canadians have tuned in to the CBC or its partners to watch, organizers say.

But many viewers didn't like what they saw. Complaints poured in after the CBC didn't show key games — including Canada's gold-medal wins in baseball and basketball — on live TV, forcing spokesman Chuck Thompson to admit that the corporation's scarce resources played a role in the decision.

In other words, the broadcaster — which since 2012 has suffered a \$115-million funding cut, the loss of lucrative NHL broadcasting rights, and the elimination of 657 jobs — decided it couldn't afford to do more with less. It sensed the potential for a flop and underinvested accordingly.

After losing the NHL, the CBC said it would focus only on amateur sports that let it break even. The Pan Am Games show what a limping CBC thinks it needs to do to make that happen.

It's ironic, then, that the Senate would suggest the CBC cover more amateur sports, in a report on the future of the broadcaster released last

week. Nowhere, as the Globe's Kate Taylor notes, does the report explain how to pay for this.

Raising government funding certainly isn't on the list, even though amateur sports offer the perfect argument for a well-funded CBC, one willing and able to handle what profit-fixated private broadcasters won't touch.

Instead, the senate report is the kind of map you'd hand to someone you hope will get lost. Given the conservative tint to the committee, perhaps that's the point.

The senators know we are watching a sinking mother corp.

That the CBC is underfunded is a matter of fact: It gets one-third the per-capita funding of the BBC, and the third-lowest among public broadcasters in Western democracies.

You could, as does the Senate, grasp at ways to make it a better, but still underfunded, public broadcaster.

But that's not the point, is it? Either you believe in the mission of a broadcaster beholden to Canadians, or you do not.

If you do, then pony up. I would gladly pay more than the paltry \$29 a year we each contribute (I spend more on Q-tips).

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What do you wish the Pan Am money was spent on? (We asked readers to rank their choices from 1 to 9. This is the average).

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6. Public schools
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Edmonton's identity crisis isn't over yet

URBAN COMPASS

Robin Mazumder



This past weekend, I visited Yellowknife for the first time. And as most Edmontonians do when they travel to other places, I reflected on the similarities and contrasts between Edmonton and my newfound crush of a city.

I didn't become an expert on Yellowknife in three days, but I got a feel for the city. There's an honest grittiness to Yellowknife. The history of the city was evident. A walk through its Old Town revealed an "Okness" with its rough-and-tumble sort of beauty. Cosmetic upgrades were scarce, thankfully. This city was staying true to its self. I believe there's a lesson there for Edmonton.

This past June, I had my

one-year anniversary as an activation board member with Make Something Edmonton. It has been an impressive year. This summer, we saw Edmonton's DIY place-making abilities with #DIYCity Day. In May, we got news that the skate-to-work route, Edmonton Freezeway, is close to reality. In December we celebrated at Sounds, Light and Motion. What do these have in common? They're authentically Edmontonian — not contrived or packaged.

But recently, I've been concerned about whether we're adhering to this ethos. I used to think Edmonton had gotten over its identity crisis, but recent events indicate we may still be trying too hard to project a certain image to others.

We all know about the Ice District debacle. For some reason, the city wasn't consulted on the name for the heart of downtown. The name is

contrived and corporate. Most "districts" grow into their names (Distillery District in Toronto, Meatpacking District in New York, Gastown in Vancouver). In Edmonton, we get a branding agency to fast track that process.

Recently, Omar Mouallem wrote about another "district" that popped up in what is currently known as the Avenue of Nations. That area is now, apparently, the "Design District." Omar wrote that the new name ignores the rich culture of the area's African diaspora.

And I can't forget about the uproar caused by a poorly written article that criticized Edmonton, which ran in Nevada. Why did we care so much? Our opinion of ourselves is really quite fragile.

Some psychologists say illness and dysfunction are in part a result of alienation from the true self. Could the same hold true for cities?

I can understand it. This city, downtown in particular, has been neglected for so long. The countless developments that will soon pop up in our skyline have everyone in a frenzy to push out an image of the "new Edmonton."

But my visit to Yellowknife reminded me of the Edmonton I first encountered when I moved here a few years ago. A city that was aware of its faults, knew its potential and was generally OK with who it was. I think the excitement that has overtaken the city has thrown us off kilter. I worry that if we don't find balance, we will lose something special that makes us who we are.

Robin Mazumder is an Edmonton community activist and public speaker. This column originally appeared at robinmazumder.com. Omar Mouallem will return next Monday.

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INTERVIEW

Audiences love Litchfield's new inmate, and Hollywood is taking note

North American audiences were introduced to Australian actress Ruby Rose on the third season of Netflix series *Orange Is the New Black*, and she's quickly become a breakout star.

Rose plays Stella, an inmate at the women's prison who hits it off with Taylor Schilling's lead character, Piper.

In a recent interview, Rose said she's trailed by paparazzi, even at the airport. However, the attention she's gotten is welcomed because "my main goal is always acting."

"I had no opportunities before," she said with a laugh. "I was finding it really hard to get in the door here. Really hard. I couldn't get an agent, I couldn't get a manager, I couldn't get an audition. I couldn't do anything, and your hands are a little bit tied at that point. You have a visa that says it's for entertainment and you have no one that wants to represent you."

The 29-year-old is considering possible future projects, and says there's a possibility she'll return for the fourth season of *Orange*.

What was it like joining the



Australian actress Ruby Rose (right) stars alongside Taylor Schilling's Piper in Season 3 of *OITNB*. HANDOUT

cast?

I've never been in a situation like that where I've gotten to meet so many amazing women that are all so talented and independent and funny, and it's a very supernatural situation with that many talented people in one room at one time, all get-

ting along. It's great. It was perfect.

You were a fan of the show first. How did it feel to meet these people?

The only one I went like, 'Oh, what's going on?' was with Laura Prepon. She had the prison outfit, the glasses,

the brows and the hair. She was (her character) Alex walking down the corridor. I just went, 'Hi! You're really good-looking.' She's just so tall and statuesque.

Is there anyone you didn't have scenes with that you wish you did?

I did a lot of scenes with pretty much everyone. I think Laverne (Cox), maybe, I didn't get any scenes with (her), but we hung out a lot, and whenever she was there on the set, I would always go and sit in her room.

You also work as a DJ. How

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Ruby Rose, actress

do you balance that with acting?

I get these weekend opportunities to travel to different parts of the world and DJ, so it's literally the perfect mix. I have a fantastic combination career. It's a hobby, but it's something I've done for the last 10 years and so it's always going to be part of me.

How did you start acting?

I actually went to school for acting when I finished high school, and about halfway through that first year I ended up booking MTV (in Australia) and so I proceeded to do television presenting, I had a clothing brand and created my own radio station.

I did all these crazy things and it was almost like they were all sidesteps to get me into the door with acting. ... I'm definitely where I want to be now and it feels amazing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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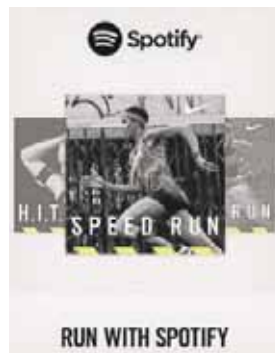


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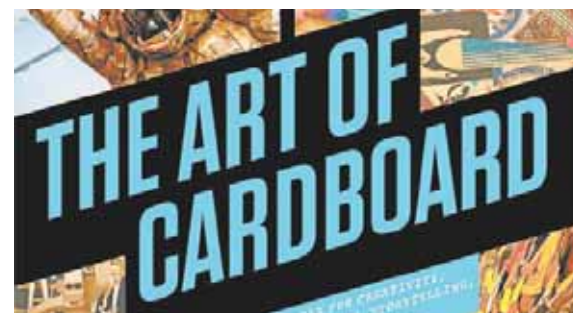


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- Free

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MUSIC

Drake slams Meek Mill's claims

Hip-hop star Drake hit back at charges he relies on ghostwriters by releasing a new track dissing his accuser.

Rapper Meek Mill recently took to Twitter to accuse Drake of not writing his own songs and suggested the Toronto-born artist retaliated by not promoting Mill's work.

Drake broke his silence late Saturday to respond in verse with a diss song entitled Charged Up.

The song soon hit No. 1 on Billboard's Trending 140 chart, which looks at social media impact in the United States.

"Wow, I'm honoured that you think this is staged," Drake raps over a minimalist beat.

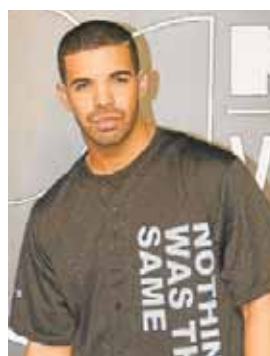
"I seen it all coming ... 'cause it ain't like I need the money I make off a feature," Drake said, presumably explaining why he did not promote Mill's album.

Referring to recent police kill-

ings of African Americans that have provoked outrage, Drake raps, "Cops are killing people with their arms up/ And your main focus is trying to harm us?"

Drake debuted the song on Apple Music, the tech giant's new streaming and radio service for which he has been a spokesman.

Mill, while not taking back his accusations, wrote on Twitter of the song: "I can tell he wrote that one, though." AFP



Drake hit back at Meek Mill with a new track. AFP

+ BACKGROUND

Quentin Miller chimes in

The man widely suspected to be Drake's alleged ghostwriter has spoken out. In a post on Tumblr, Quentin Miller explained his relationship with Drake and noted that his contributions to the rapper's record were always made clear in the song credits.

Philadelphia rapper Meek Mill initiated the conflict with a series of tweets arguing that Drake "don't write his own raps," including the

Grammy winner's verse on Mill's recent song R.I.C.O. Miller has a songwriting credit on the song, along with five tunes from Drake's If You're Reading This It's Too Late.

In his post, Miller writes that he was working at a bakery when Drake called him and told him he was "destined for greatness." When Miller began work on Drake's project, it was already mostly finished, he writes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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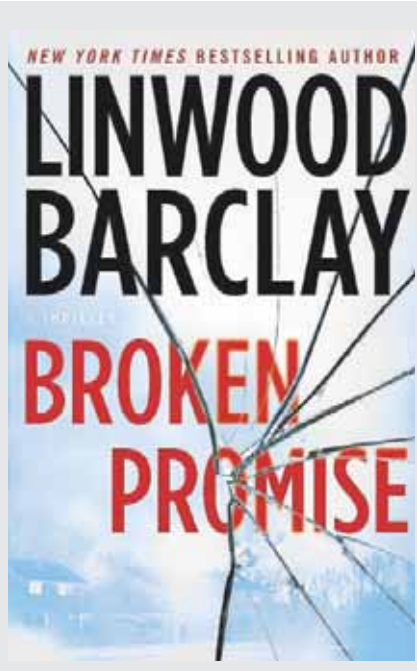
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PART 1 OF 4

Something dark has infected Promise Falls
Bestselling thriller author Linwood Barclay returns this week with Broken Promise (Doubleday, July 28, \$22.95) the first book in an explosive new trilogy.

As the novel begins, David Harwood uproots his life and young son after the death of his wife and the demise of his newspaper, and moves back into his childhood home in Promise Falls, N.Y., where he comes across an epic family secret.

As I rapped on it with my fist, I noticed a smudge on the door frame. It looked like smeared blood. As if someone had swatted the world's biggest mosquito there.



"David," my mom said, "I wanted to ask what you might have on for this morning."
"Why? What's up?"

"I mean, if you have some job interviews lined up, I don't want to interfere, but I have some things to drop off for

Marla." Marla Pickens. My cousin. "I made up a chili, and I had so much left over, I froze some of it. And I picked her up a few

other things. Some Stouffer's frozen dinners. I don't think that girl is eating. Ever since this business with the baby, she just hasn't been right."

Dad, not taking his eyes off the screen, said, "It's been ten months, Arlene. She's gotta move on. She's gone a bit crackers, if you ask me."

When I got to Marla's, I grabbed the bags of food and mounted the three steps to the door. As I rapped on it with my fist, I noticed a smudge on the door frame.

It looked like smeared blood. As if someone had swatted the world's biggest mosquito there.

When Marla didn't answer the door after ten seconds, I knocked again. Five seconds after that, I let myself in. "Marla? It's cousin David!" Down the hall, I heard a kind of ... mewling? A gurgling sound? A baby?

"Marla?" I set the bags down on the floor and went down the hall, pushed open a door.

I had heard a baby. Nine months old, I guessed, and sucking contentedly on a rubber nipple, its tiny fingers attempting to grip the plastic feeding bottle. Marla held the

bottle in one hand, cradling the infant in her other arm.

She studied my face and whispered, "I heard you call out, but Matthew's nearly asleep."

"Matthew?"

Marla smiled, nodded. "Isn't he beautiful?"

Slowly, I said, "Yes. He is." A pause, then: "Who's Matthew, Marla? I mean, who does Matthew belong to? Are you babysitting for someone?"

Marla blinked. "Matthew belongs to me, David. An angel brought him to me."

"Marla, what happened last year to you ... and your baby ... was a tragedy. We all felt so terrible for you."

Ten months ago. Marla had been devastated.

"Marla, tell me whose baby this really is, and why there's blood on your front door."

In tomorrow's excerpt:
Other strange things are happening in Promise Falls.

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One HELOC way to home equity havoc

BORROWER BEWARE

Using the value of your home as line of credit has its pitfalls



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What the heck is a HELOC?

The term HELOC refers to turning your house into a giant credit card with extremely low interest rates. If you think that

sounds like a good deal, you're not alone.

HELOC is the acronym for a Home Equity Line of Credit. Many lenders will allow you to borrow money against the worth of your house at a much lower interest rate than on your credit cards or if you were using a line of credit that wasn't "backed" by anything.

The idea is that banks and credit unions can safely assume lending you money is relatively low risk because you can always sell your house to pay your debts.

Home equity is basically the difference between what your house is worth and how much

(if anything) you still owe on your mortgage.

For example, if I purchased a home for \$300,000, paid a \$60,000 down payment, and then faithfully made my monthly payments for 10 years, I might have whittled my mortgage down to \$165,000 or so. If my house was in an ice-cold housing market and hadn't risen in value at all during those 10 years, I would now have roughly \$135,000 in home equity.

If I lived in a major Canadian urban centre over the past 10 years, my home is now probably worth at least 25 per cent more than I paid for it though;

therefore, I'd have more like \$235,000 in home equity.

Therein lies the HELOC trap.

As a Canadian millennial, I could be excused for thinking that the value of houses only goes up — and that it always does so quite drastically. If you follow that line of reasoning to its logical conclusion, there should be no harm in borrowing against the growing equity in your home, because as long as the value of the house goes up faster than you borrow against it, things will be fine. Of course if interest rates suddenly rise, home values fall, and many other bad things happen — you could be

+ HELOC DEFINED

Behind the acronym

- HELOC stands for Home Equity Line of Credit.
- HELOCs allow you to borrow money at very low interest rates.
- The temptation to use HELOCs to live above your means can get you in trouble in a hurry!

caught financially skinny dipping when the tide goes out.

According to the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals (CAAMP),

27 per cent of people with mortgages in Canada in 2014 had a HELOC. Of those that had one, 90 per cent had an outstanding balance and the average amount outstanding was \$57,000.

HELOCs can be great financial tools if understood and used properly. If they are simply seen as the quickest way to marble countertops, a new boat, or that luxury vacation you've always wanted ...

Well, just remember, the tide always goes out eventually.

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Generations of families take in heritage festival

It's hard to imagine a more family-friendly event. It began as an annual holiday for recognizing and celebrating the ethnic heritage of Alberta's citizens and has blossomed into the world's largest multicultural festival in just 40 years with an emphasis on family fun and culture, according to executive director Jack Little.

"This is truly a family-friendly event and one where you see generations of families together from the grandparents, parents, siblings and of course kids and grandkids," he says. "And not only our guests but the volunteers and people from different cultures who are very family-oriented."

And there's a lot to keep the kids busy at the Servus Heritage Festival.

The family-friendly alcohol free event features 61 ethnic pavilions from 81 countries this year, with more than 500 unique food items from across the world to try and 25 stages hosting free cultural performances. There's also shopping and cultural information booths.

It's also the second year of the Baby Care

Centre — an oasis in the middle of the park for new moms and dads, and the first year for the Seniors' Rest Tent, and Let's Talk Science for the kids — put on by the University of Alberta Outreach.

"These attractions are very popular with families. And you can't forget the EIA Kidzworld pavilion — it is huge — nearly 2,000 square feet — and lots of fun — there's face painting and games, a sandbox and so much more."

It's the 40th anniversary of the popular three-day festival with more families than ever expected to join in on the fun.

"This is a special year for us and I think Edmontonians are very proud about the Festival and how we've grown into the largest multicultural festival in one location in the world," Little says, adding about 380,000 people attended last year's event.

The Servus Heritage Festival runs from Aug. 1 to 3 at Hawrelak Park. For more information please visit heritage-festival.com or follow on Twitter @EdmHeritageFest.



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Volunteers crucial to festival’s success

There’s an old saying that it takes a village to raise a child and it could also be said that it takes a community to build a successful festival — the Servus Heritage Festival specifically.

More than 750 volunteers are needed by the Festival Association to stage the popular three-day event, and additionally more than 1,300 volunteers are also enlisted by the 60 non-profit cultural societies, according to festival organizers.

“The volunteer program is crucial to the success of our event. Our objective is to have a stable, returning volunteer base and to ensure that each volunteer has an enjoyable experience,” says executive director Jack Little. “It is also critical that our volunteers feel important and valued.”

Little says nothing brings the community together better than people from different cultures coming together for the festival and it’s a crucial part of the process.

“The only way you can put on this festival is with all of the volunteers from the different cultures coming together in cultural unity. A lot of people enjoy volunteering to get out in the community and meet new people, too.”

But it’s a two-way street, adds Little, who says



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the volunteers are “treated like gold.”

“We highly value and respect our volunteers and we make sure they get meals, snacks and clothing and some even get entered into a draw for school scholarships to go towards books and things like that,” Little explains.

Post-secondary students have a chance to win one of 40 Sponsor-provided scholarships (20 available to administration volunteers and 20 to pavilion volunteers), which is a very popular aspect of the festival.

Volunteers are also enlisted by the 60 non-

THE PERKS OF LENDING A HAND

The festival is still accepting volunteers at heritage-festival.com. As part of their time commitment, all volunteers receive a promotional hat, T-shirt, all meals while on shift, bus passes to the event site, as well as entry into door-prize draws for products from sponsors. These are given out during the Volunteer Orientation BBQ which takes place the Thursday evening before the event. Volunteers also receive a Certificate of Recognition.

profit cultural societies who are part of the Festival.

“They serve as Food Preparers, Beverage Servers, Food Servers, Craft Vendors, Stage Emcees and Relief Volunteers. When these 1,300 volunteers are added to the festival Association numbers, more than 2,000 volunteers come together to help stage the largest multicultural festival of its kind in the world.”



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PAN AM 2015

Canada achieves goal of finishing 2nd in Games

From Day 1 of the Pan American Games, Curt Harnett says he knew Canadian athletes "were in it to win it."

By the final day, Canada's chef de mission and his team of 717 strong were basking in the most successful Pan Am performance in Canadian history.

"One podium performance quickly followed another, en route to our Top 2 place in the medals table," Harnett said Sunday at the Canadian team's closing news conference. "Like a parent, I could not be more proud, with each and every athlete on Team Canada. You delivered."

Canada set an ambitious goal of finishing second in the medal standings, and brought the team to do it. From swimmer Ryan Cochrane, to decathlete Damian Warner, to kayaker Adam van Koeverden, Canada fielded not only its largest ever team, but arguably strongest, for Toronto. It was a who's-who of athletes who will shine on sport's biggest stage at next summer's Rio Olympics.

Canada's women's kayak team of Michelle Russell, Emilie Fournel, KC Fraser and Hannah Vaughan kicked off the record

+ QUALIFIED

Canadian teams clinched berths in seven sports for next summer's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — women's three-metre springboard diving; duet synchronized swimming; the women's K1 in canoe/kayak slalom; equestrian team jumping; women's modern pentathlon; women's 10-metre air pistol and trap in shooting; and men's field hockey.

run with gold in the K-4 500 on the morning of Day 1, in the first event of the Games.

And by the time the women's baseball team capped Canada's run to the podium with a silver medal, the host nation had amassed 217 medals, 78 gold, 69 silver, and 70 bronze.

The mighty Americans will take home 265 — 103 gold, 81 silver and 81 bronze. Brazil finished a distant third with 141 medals.

Not everyone brought their top athletes to Toronto. The Americans fielded squads of mainly B-team athletes. Jamaica was missing its best sprinters, like superstar Usain Bolt.

Canada, meanwhile, topped its previous best of 197 medals when Winnipeg hosted the Games in 1999. Canada passed that mark with two days to go.

Along the way, Canadian stars



We know that the road to Rio for many of these athletes will bring great things.

Curt Harnett



Canada's 78th gold medal of the Pan Am Games was won in women's softball on Sunday in Ajax, Ont. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

FINAL PAN AM MEDAL COUNTER

217 MEDALS WON BY CANADA

78 **69** **70**

were born, such as Kia Nurse, the 19-year-old who led Canada's women's basketball team to its first ever gold medal. Nurse was chosen to carry Canada's flag in to the closing ceremonies.

There was sprint phenom Andre De Grasse, won both the 100 and 200 metres, shattering

his own Canadian record in the 200. The 20-year-old would have captured a third gold had the 4x100-metre relay not been disqualified for a lane violation.

Ellie Black leapt and tumbled to five medals in artistic gymnastics, as Canada's most decorated athlete at the Games. Whitney

McClintock in water-skiing, Jasmin Glaesser in cycling, and swimmer Santo Condoirelli each won four medals apiece.

Canada's men's softball team kept a firm grasp on gold, winning No. 8 in a row. No other country has ever won the tournament.

"At this Pan Am Games, top 2, I told you it was an ambitious objective, the way we like them. We like ambitious," said Canadian Olympic Committee president Marcel Aubut. "I told you also that I had incredible faith in this great, great Canadian team." THE CANADIAN PRESS

FINAL-DAY PODIUM FINISHES

Canadian women snag softball gold medal

Canada's women's softball team beat the United States 4-2 in eight innings, giving the host nation a gold-medal sweep at the Pan American Games.

Canada

opened up a scoreless game with four runs in the top of the eighth.

Joey Lye's single scored a pair of runs and was followed by Jennifer Salling's sacrifice fly and Erika Polidori's RBI single. The loss was the first

Larissa Franklin of the Canadian softball team

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of the tournament for the U.S., which had cruised through the tournament with a perfect 5-0 record, including two wins over Canada.

The Canadian men won gold earlier at the Games with a 2-1 win over Venezuela.

Canucks topped by U.S. in women's baseball final

Anna Kimbrell hit a bases-clearing double in the fifth inning to open up a close

game and lead the United States to an 11-3 victory over Canada in the women's baseball final.

Kim-brell's

double off Canadian reliever Jessica Berube came with two outs in the frame and restored a five-run lead for the U.S., one inning after Canada had clawed back to score three.

Jenna Flannigan, Kelsey Lalor and Amanda Asay had RBIs for Canada.

Schmitt powers Canada to volleyball bronze medal

Canada won the men's volleyball bronze medal with a 3-1 victory over Puerto Rico. Captain Gavin Schmitt of Saskatoon led the Canadians with 25 points, converting 19 of 27 spike attempts and scoring four points with his booming serve.

Nicole Luchanski of the Canadian women's baseball team

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G'Day mate: Aussie wins Canadian Open title

GOLF

Hearn fails to end Canucks' drought of 61 years

Jason Day birdied his final three holes to overtake Canada's David Hearn and win the RBC Canadian Open.

Day shot a 4-under 68 Sunday to get to 17 under for the tournament. A birdie on the 18th hole sealed the victory.

"This must feel like what Tiger did for so many times, and it feels good," Day said. "I'm going to try to do as much as I can and keep it the same and try and win."

Bubba Watson was second at 16 under, while Hearn was third at 15 under.

"I gave it my all, I didn't quite have my best game," Hearn said.

Hearn was looking to be the first Canadian to win the event since Pat Fletcher in 1954.

"He was playing so good, he started off hot," Watson said of Hearn. "He putts unbelievable. There was so many putts that he hit that should've fell in. I don't know how they stayed out."

"For him and Canada that would've been a great story. That would've been his first win. How amazing would that have been?"

The Brantford, Ont., native went into Sunday with a two-shot lead over Watson, the world's third-ranked player, and



Australia's Jason Day celebrates after putting for birdie on the 18th green to clinch victory on Sunday at the RBC Canadian Open at Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ont. CLIFF HAWKINS/GETTY IMAGES

Day, ranked ninth. Hearn's entrance to the first tee drew a roar from the crowd.

"It was a pretty special day with all of the fans and the support that I had from beginning to finish," Hearn said.

Despite missing with his tee shots, Hearn birdied the first two holes to go up by three. Bogeys

on holes 3 and 7 put Hearn into some predictable trouble, given how well Watson and Day had been playing on the back nine.

Hearn missed birdie putts on 8 and 9 by centimetres, drawing loud "Aws" from the Canadian crowd.

Day was consistent on the back nine and turned his game up with birdies on 16, 17 and 18. Watson went on a roll to catch up as Hearn faltered.

Lamenting Day's incredible finish and long birdie putt on 18, Watson pointed out that caddie Ted Scott worked for Grant Waite when he lost to Tiger Woods

at the 2000 Canadian Open on arguably the best shot of the legendary golfer's career.

"They finished second to a great play, and I finished second to a great play," Watson said.

Hearn holed an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 13, but birdie misses on 14 and 16 ultimately kept him from tying Day. His shot into the bunker on 18 was the end.

As he left his news conference, Hearn said next year will be the 62nd for questions about Fletcher. Fourth-place finisher Jim Furyk doesn't expect the drought to last forever.

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David Hearn GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Froome cruises down Champs-Elysees to title

Resplendent in yellow and riding a canary yellow bike, Chris Froome won his second Tour de France in three years on Sunday, with a leisurely pedal into Paris to wrap up a spectacular three-week slog of furious racing that culminated with a thrilling late fight-back by the British rider's toughest rival, Colombian Nairo Quintana.

Cheered on the Champs-Elysees for Britain's third win in the 112-year-old race, Froome took it easy on Stage 21, his work done having grimly resisted Quintana's last-ditch assault on his hard-won Tour lead the previous day on the final Alpine ascent.

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Jays tripped up in Seattle

Franklin Gutierrez delivered the biggest hit yet of his comeback with the Seattle Mariners.

Gutierrez, who missed all of last season with an arthritic condition in his back, homered with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning Sunday to give Seattle a 6-5 win over the Toronto Blue Jays. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Royals land ace Cueto

The Kansas City Royals acquired Johnny Cueto in a trade with Cincinnati on Sunday, sending three prospects to the Reds for a legitimate ace for the front of their beleaguered rotation.

Kansas City has the best record in the AL after it lost to San Francisco in Game 7 of the World Series last October. But Yordano Ventura has underperformed this year and Jason Vargas will miss the rest of the season after he injured his elbow last week — increasing the need for pitching help.

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I'm proud of the way I played and I'm really proud to be Canadian today. It was a pretty special day ... from start to finish.

Canada's David Hearn

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Ticats pounce on spiralling Riders

CFL

Saskatchewan drops to 0-5 with loss to Tabbies

Backup quarterback Jeff Mathews' one-yard touchdown plunge midway through the fourth quarter put Hamilton ahead for good as the Tiger-Cats handed the Saskatchewan Roughriders a 31-21 loss on Sunday at Mosaic Stadium.

The loss kept the Riders (0-5) winless to start the 2015 CFL season. The Tiger-Cats improved to 2-2.

Mathews' score gave Hamilton a 26-21 lead. Zach Collaros added the two-point convert when he found Bakari Grant in the back corner of the end zone for 28-21 advantage with seven minutes to go.

The Riders were forced to pin their hopes of a come-from-behind win on rookie quarterback Brett Smith, who filled in

SUNDAY In Regina

31 **21**
TICATS RIDERS

for an injured Kevin Glenn at the start of the final quarter. The Riders had a 21-20 lead when Smith entered the game.

Justin Medlock kicked his fifth field goal of the game, a 40-yard boot, to give Hamilton a 10-point lead with less than two minutes remaining.

Saskatchewan took the lead on its first offensive possession of the game when Paul McCallum kicked a 29-yard field goal.

Hamilton responded with a 42-yard touchdown reception by Jasper Collins Jr., and a pair of field goals from Medlock before the Riders tied the score late in the second quarter.

Glenn hooked up with Rob Bagg on a 20-yard touchdown catch.

Glenn found Bagg again for the two-point convert as the

+ ON SATURDAY

James Franklin came in to toss a trio of touchdown passes, including two to Adarius Bowman, as the Edmonton Eskimos won their third game in a row with a 32-3 drubbing of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Commonwealth Stadium.

teams went into halftime tied 14-14.

The Riders took the lead with their first possession of the second half when Smith scored on a one-yard touchdown run. But it was all Hamilton from that point.

Medlock kicked two field goals before Mathews scored his touchdown in the fourth quarter. Medlock kicked five field goals for Hamilton. McCallum booted two for the Riders.

Saskatchewan had won 13 of the past 14 games versus Hamilton in Regina.

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Tiger-Cats quarterback Zach Collaros runs the ball against the Saskatchewan Roughriders on Sunday night in Regina. MARK TAYLOR/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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GOLD CUP

Mexico turns lights up on Reggae Boyz

Andres Guardado scored his fourth goal of the knockout rounds, not needing a penalty kick this time, and Mexico won its seventh CONCACAF Gold Cup title Sunday with a 3-1 victory over upstart Jamaica.

Jesus Corona and Oribe Peralta added goals as El Tri scored twice early in the second half to ensure this match wouldn't come down to any calls in the final minutes. It was a convincing performance for coach Miguel Herrera and his team after some shaky play and contentious moments in the previous two games.

Jamaica had made a rousing run to the final, stunning the U.S. in the semis to become the first Caribbean nation to reach the Gold Cup's championship match. And the Reggae Boyz looked as though they belonged in the opening minutes, keeping the pressure on Mexico with several promising scoring chances but never putting a shot on goal.

Jamaica hadn't trailed since early in the second half of its Gold Cup opener before a yellow card helped lead to Mexico's first goal. Darren Mattocks scored in the 80th minute to pull the Reggae Boyz within 3-1.



Mexico's Andres Guardado, left, and Jamaica's Je-Vaughn Watson vie for the ball on Sunday in Philadelphia.

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SUNDAY In Philadelphia

3 **1**
MEXICO JAMAICA

El Tri will face the U.S., the 2013 Gold Cup champ, on Oct. 9 for CONCACAF's spot in the 2017 Confederations Cup in Russia.

The only way Mexico had been able to score in the knockout rounds before Sunday had been on penalty kicks, all three by Guardado. And two of those came on late, questionable calls.

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IN BRIEF

Quakes crumble in Van City

Mauro Rosales and Kendall Waston scored in the first half Sunday as the Vancouver Whitecaps cruised past the San Jose Earthquakes 3-1.

Octavio Rivero added another from the penalty spot in the 56th minute as Vancouver (11-8-3) moved into second place in Major League Soccer's Western Conference.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Busch wins again in Indy

Kyle Busch's incredible comeback rolled through Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where Busch won the Brickyard 400 on Sunday for a weekend sweep at the historic track.

Busch missed the first 11 races of the season with a broken right leg and broken left foot. He returned in late May and has won three consecutive Sprint Cup Series races and four of the last five.

Now he has a prestigious Brickyard victory to give him one of NASCAR's elusive crown jewels. His Indianapolis victory ranks alongside his Southern 500 win at Darlington Raceway as the biggest of his career.

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RECIPE Watermelon Pizza



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Great presentation for a dessert or appetizer. If the balsamic vinaigrette gets too thick, add more maple syrup and heat gently. Be sure to pour the vinaigrette over the melon just before serving.

Makes 8 wedges.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 horizontal slice round slices of watermelon (1-inch thick)
- 1 1/2 oz crumbled feta cheese
- 3 Tbsp chopped mint or basil
- Balsamic Vinaigrette
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar

- 1 Tbsp maple syrup

Directions

1. Place watermelon rounds on large serving plate. Sprinkle with feta and mint.

2. In a small skillet, add vinegar and maple syrup and cook on a high heat for one to two minutes until entire surface is bubbly. Drizzle over melon. Cut into wedges.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 30
- Protein 1 g
- Carbohydrates 3 g
- Fibre 0 g
- Total fat 1 g
- Saturated fat 1 g
- Cholesterol 3 mg
- Sodium 60 mg

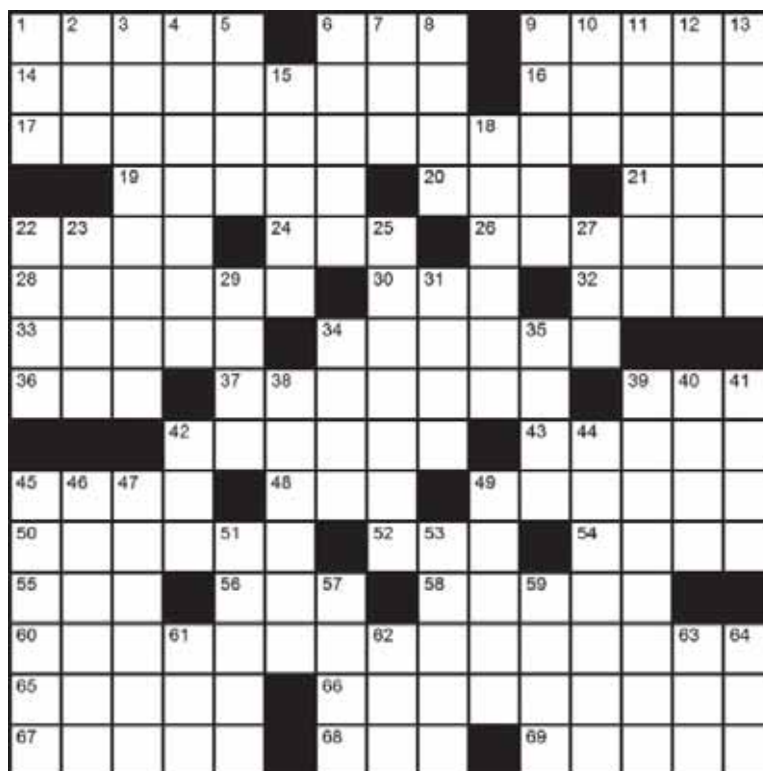
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. "Work It Out" by The Beatles: 2 wds.
6. Fella
9. Trinket, Elizabeth Banks' role in 'Hunger Games' movies
14. Favourable
16. Holds on property
17. Nova Scotia: Aqua occupation for a Dalhousie University graduate, perhaps: 2 wds.
19. Of the nose
20. Piquancy
21. Fifth music note, variantly
22. Poetic foot
24. Las Vegas state, for short
26. In fine (Healthy/fit)
28. Gets burned in the kitchen
30. Hard water
32. Observer
33. Thing that measures, say
34. Ukulele wood
36. Keats specialty
37. Bid-placing event
39. 'Motor' suffix
42. Constricting snake
43. Bus station
45. Slightly unshut
48. "The Star-Spangled Banner" contraction
49. Cheerleader's prop
50. Handwasher's peeve: 2 wds.
52. Not nay
54. Skye, singer Donovan's actress daughter



55. Caesar's 551
56. The Company org.
58. Fanatic sects
60. Interest for a Parliament Hill journalist: 2 wds.
65. Quaintly bless with oil
66. Driving length

- in Canada
67. Lay grassy rolls again
68. Timber! tool
69. De-crease

DOWN

1. Typing stat.
2. Cenozoic, for one
3. Ears! Husks! Kernels!

- Edmonton ___ (Agriculture attraction in Spruce Grove, Alberta with the slogan 'Get Lost')
4. Good-humoured
5. Writer Anaïs
6. Religious book
7. Single
8. Weed ___ (Gardening brand)

9. Get hitched in Vegas
10. ___ Newtons
11. Spunky
12. Footwear accessory
13. Swimmer/actress Ms. Williams
15. Mr. Penn's
18. Great-West ___ Inc.

- (Based-in-Winnipeg international financial services holding company)
22. It ___ hot in here = Turn on the air conditioner
23. ___-tongued
25. Triumph
27. Salada product
29. Sturdy horse cart
31. Abel's brother
34. Tooth complaint
35. Language family, ___-European
38. Perfect place
39. Face-to-face
40. Diving bird
41. Betty Grable movie, "When My Baby Smiles ___" (1948)
42. What the amateur turned
44. Sender of signals, say
45. Near ___ (Spread out)
46. Dolly Parton song title lady
47. Lines spoken directly to theatre audiences
49. Brazil's Sao ___
51. Like the cottage-owner's expansive lands
53. School, in Sherbrooke
57. ___Seltzer
59. Droopy
61. "Shine a Little Love" gr.
62. Photos, fun-style
63. Debit opps.
64. The Outsiders author Ms. Hinton's

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
There are so many offers to choose from and they all sound so good you may find it hard to decide. Once you have made your selection, stick with it. The less you flip flop the more you will get done.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Good fortune is heading your way and family and finances are especially well-starred. Everyone will marvel at your ability to get things done with the least amount of effort.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You must watch what you say. Not everyone is as good at taking criticism as you are at dishing it out, and if you upset the wrong person you could make an enemy.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are the type who demands perfection of yourself, but the current cosmic set-up is urging you to be less driven and to see that you don't have to be the best at everything.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Now is the time to give form to a dream you've had in the back of your mind for many years. It might seem outrageous to some but the planets indicate it will come true.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You need to get serious about your long-term ambitions. Some kind of breakthrough is imminent, but don't just sit there waiting for it to happen — get out into the world and make it happen.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If there's something you've wanted to do for years but have never got around to, now is the time to get your act together and show the world you mean business.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you trust your instincts and follow your hunches you can achieve great things over the next few days. Creative activities are especially well-starred.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Recent weeks may not have been easy but what happens this week will convince you that a corner has been turned. If you trust fate to guide you it won't be long before you find true happiness.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is no time for regret or remorse. You cannot change what's already happened, you can only learn from it and do a better job next time. Always look forward, never back.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What goes right today will be wonderful and what goes wrong won't hurt you in the slightest. You will know instinctively if a gamble is worth taking — and most will be.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Decide what you want to do, then do it. Yes, some people will kick up a fuss but what can they actually do to stop you? It's your life and it's up to you what you do with it.

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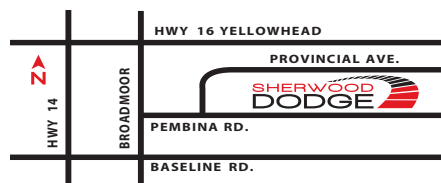
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